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In re Application of

Hironori KOBAYASHI et al.

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For: STRUCTURE FOR PATTERN FORMATION, METHOD FOR PATTERN  
FORMATION, AND APPLICATION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please enter the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 to 81 without prejudice or disclaimer and  
substitute therefor the following new claims:

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